

more than 8 years in exile, and was immediately targeted in a suicide bombing by extremists in Karachi, Pakistan, that left at least 140 people dead and more than 500 injured;

Whereas on August 10, 2007, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice personally requested that President Musharraf refrain from suspending the Constitution of Pakistan, and on November 1, 2007, again reiterated to President Musharraf United States opposition to any "extra-constitutional" measures;

Whereas over the past 6 years, the United States has provided approximately \$10,000,000,000 in aid to Pakistan, of which about 60 percent was Coalition Support Funds designed to reimburse Pakistan for counter-terrorism efforts, 15 percent was for security assistance to the military, 15 percent was for debt relief and general budget support, and approximately 10 percent was for humanitarian assistance;

Whereas Admiral William Fallon, the senior United States military commander in the Middle East and Southwest Asia, advised General Musharraf on November 2, 2007 that emergency rule might place military aid at risk;

Whereas on November 3, 2007, General Musharraf, in his role as Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan, declared a state of emergency, suspended the Constitution of Pakistan, dismissed Chief Justice Chaudhry, and initiated a nation-wide crackdown on political opposition, the media, and the courts of Pakistan that resulted in the arrest of more than 1,000 political opponents;

Whereas the Administration declared that imposition of emergency rule was "deeply disturbing," and Secretary of State Rice said that the United States would "have to review the situation with aid" in light of these developments;

Whereas on November 7, 2007, President George W. Bush spoke with President Musharraf and conveyed the message that "we believe strongly in elections, and that you ought to have elections soon, and you need to take off your uniform"; and

Whereas on November 8, 2007, the Government of Pakistan announced that parliamentary elections in Pakistan would be held by February 15, 2008, and that President Musharraf would relinquish his position as Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan prior to being sworn in as President of Pakistan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) to condemn the decision by President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to declare a state of emergency in Pakistan, suspend the Constitution of Pakistan, dismiss the Supreme Court Justices refusing to take a loyalty oath, and initiate a nation-wide crackdown on political opposition, the media, and the courts in Pakistan;

(2) to call on President Musharraf to revoke the state of emergency, respect the rule of law and immediately release political detainees, restore the Constitution of Pakistan, restore freedom of the press and judicial independence in Pakistan, and reinstate all dismissed members of the Supreme Court of Pakistan;

(3) to call upon President Musharraf to honor his commitment to relinquish his position as Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan, allow free and fair parliamentary elections in Pakistan in accordance with the schedule mandated by the Constitution of Pakistan, establish an independent commission to guarantee that such elections are free and fair, and permit full and unfettered independent monitoring of such elections;

(4) that the Government of the United States should provide whatever assistance is necessary to facilitate such free and fair

elections, including by supporting independent election monitoring organizations and efforts;

(5) to call upon the Government of Pakistan to conduct a full investigation into the attempted assassination of former Prime Minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto and provide her and other political leaders with all necessary security to ensure their personal safety; and

(6) that United States military assistance to Pakistan should be subjected to careful review, and that assistance for the purchase of certain weapons systems not directly related to the fight against Al Qaeda and the Taliban should be suspended if President Musharraf does not revoke the state of emergency and restore the Constitution of Pakistan, relinquish his position as Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan, and allow for free and fair elections to be held in Pakistan in accordance with the announced timeframe.

SENATE RESOLUTION 373—ENCOURAGING ALL EMPLOYERS TO TARGET VETERANS FOR RECRUITMENT AND TO PROVIDE PREFERENCE IN HIRING TO QUALIFIED VETERANS

Mr. SMITH. (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. COLEMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 373

Whereas the people of the United States have sincere appreciation and respect for the individuals who serve in the Armed Forces;

Whereas in order to recognize their sacrifices, including time out from their civilian careers while serving in the Armed Forces, Congress enacted the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 to restore veterans to a more favorable competitive position for Federal Government employment;

Whereas, although veterans acquire skills and qualities during their military service that make them ideal candidates for employment, some veterans need assistance in readjusting to civilian life, including some young veterans who experience high unemployment rates;

Whereas it is acknowledged that the dignity, pride, and satisfaction of a civilian job are essential to the smooth and full reintegration into civilian life of those who have answered our Nation's call to arms; and

Whereas all citizens and all employers benefit from the service of members of the Armed Forces and thus bear some responsibility to assist in the reintegration of former servicemembers into civilian life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) urges all employers, private sector as well as State, county, and local government, to target veterans for recruitment and to afford qualified veterans hiring preference similar to the benefits provided by chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, to preference eligibles, as defined in section 2108 of such title; and

SENATE RESOLUTION 374—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF A NATIONAL VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT WEEK TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONWIDE PROJECT THAT COLLECTS AND PRESERVES THE STORIES OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED OUR NATION IN TIMES OF WAR AND CONFLICT

Ms. LANDRIEU submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 374

Whereas the Veterans History Project was established by a unanimous vote of the United States Congress to collect and preserve the wartime stories of American veterans;

Whereas Congress charged the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to undertake the Veterans History Project and to engage the public in the creation of a collection of oral histories that would be a lasting tribute to individual veterans and an abundant resource for scholars;

Whereas there are 17,000,000 wartime veterans in America whose stories can educate people of all ages about important moments and events in the history of the United States and the world and provide instructive narratives that illuminate the meanings of "service", "sacrifice", "citizenship", and "democracy";

Whereas the Veterans History Project relies on a corps of volunteer interviewers, partner organizations, and an array of civic minded institutions nationwide who interview veterans according to the guidelines it provides;

Whereas increasing public participation in the Veterans History Project will increase the number of oral histories that can be collected and preserved and increase the number of veterans it so honors; and

Whereas "National Veterans Awareness Week" commendably preceded this resolution in the years 2005 and 2006: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes "National Veterans Awareness Week";

(2) supports the designation of a "National Veterans History Project Week";

(3) calls on the people of the United States to interview at least one veteran in their families or communities according to guidelines provided by the Veterans History Project; and

(4) encourages local, State, and national organizations along with Federal, State, city and county governmental institutions to participate in support of the effort to document, preserve, and honor the service of American wartime veterans.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3566. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3567. Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY)